

What is a computer?

LECTURE
SUMMARY

PRE-PROGRAMMING

Covered in this lecture:

What computers are and what they do

- ▶ A computer is anything that can compute, which means it can determine an amount or number when given certain rules
- ▶ Things that are technically computers: calculators, watches, wearables, cash registers, etc.
- ▶ Your brain is also a kind of computer
- Computers can solve problems
- They take instructions, run calculations, and give you a solution
- Computers are all around you

See you next lecture!